

# THE HAMLIN HERALD

**For unto us a child is born,  
unto us a son is given...  
and his name shall be  
called Wonderful,  
Counselor, The Mighty  
God, the everlasting  
Father, The Prince  
of Peace.**

ISAIAH 9:6





# WANT ADS

## Announcements

**FIRE CRACKER STAND**—will be open Sat. Dec. 15th-Jan. 1st 1112 S. Central.

## Card of Thanks

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We are very grateful and appreciate the faithful nurses and doctors and thanks to Bro. Jones, Bro. Stewart and friends for their prayers while Troy was in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Austin

## Automobiles

**FOR SALE**—1963 Chevrolet V8 Automatic ARA Air Conditioner, Cheap. See at 500 NW Ave 1 between 3 and 6 p.m. Call 576-3946.

## Business Services

**PLUMBING SUPPLIES**  
HARDWARE, PAINT, ETC.  
We buy Used Furniture  
CROW BROTHERS  
Phone 576-3351

**CUSTOM HAY BALING**  
SAM MACK HODGES  
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## Merchandise For Sale

**FIREWOOD FOR SALE**—Call 576-3870.

**DUNLOP TIRES** up to 50 percent discount. Steel belted and steel radial. Feagan Oil Co.

**FOR SALE**—All types field and garden seed, fertilizer, spreaders, peat moss, weed killers, insecticides. Pied Piper Mills, Hamlin, Texas.

**NEW** or renovated mattresses and box springs. They're guaranteed. Pick up and delivery. Western Mattress Co. Phone Mrs. Weaver, 576-3117.

**ARMSTRONG Linoleum** by yard. 12' wide. 7 different patterns to choose from. White's Auto Store.

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THE HAMLIN HERALD

**NEW SHIPMENT**  
READY MADE IMPORTED FRAMES  
HAND CARVED  
11x14 and 16x20

FEAGAN OIL CO.

**FOR SALE**—16 ft. fishing boat with 25 HP Johnson motor and trailer. Cheap. See at 500 N.W. Ave. 1 between 3 and 6 p.m. Call 576-3946.

**FOR SALE**—32 percent Liquid feed molasses, Black Strap molasses, feeders available. Pied Piper Mills, Hamlin, Texas.

**PIANO FOR SALE**—very nice upright. Harbert Furniture.

**SUPER** stuff, sure nuff! That's Blue Lustre for cleaning carpets. Rent electric shampooer \$1. Harbert Furniture Company. Vacuum bags for all cleaners.

**FOR SALE**—11 Foot 2 door G. E. refrigerator. \$50. 745 S. W. 1st.

## Real Estate For Rent

**FOR RENT**—Mobile Home space 50' x 140' lot close in with garage and storage. Utilities available. Established yard. Call 235-5843-A. E. Giddens, Sweetwater, Texas, after 5 p.m.

**FOR RENT**—Two bedroom house with attached garage, 237 N. W. Ave. J. Robert Cary Jr. 576-3261 or 576-2401.

## Real Estate For Sale

**FOR SALE**—Three Bedroom house, near grocery store and laundry on N. Central. Call 576-2603.

**FOR SALE**—Three bedroom house. Two baths, central heat, central refrigerated air, double garage, ideal location. Call 576-3856 or 576-3266.

**FOR SALE**—55 x 10 mobile home, two bedrooms, one bath, \$2,500. Call 576-2693 after 5:30 p.m.

**FOR SALE**—Mineral Rights, 165 acres. Mineral right for sale or will lease to responsible party. Two and one-half miles north of McCauley, Tex. Write Anna E. Betts, Box 209, Weaverville, Calif. 96093.

## Miscellaneous

THE HAMLIN JAYCEES

meet Wednesday 8 p.m., at the Jaycee Building.

**RENT** the Jaycee Community Building for parties, family reunions and special occasions. Call Jerry Smith 576-3638.

## Philosopher Gets Hard Question: Are People More Honest Than Politicians?

Editor's note: The Neinda Philosopher on his Johnson grass farm on Route One answers a letter that must have bothered him a little.

Dear editor:

A man can get into trouble before he knows it these days. Last week, you may recall, I was suggesting in a Yuletide spirit that the best Christmas present for the world would be a bigger bunch of honest politicians.

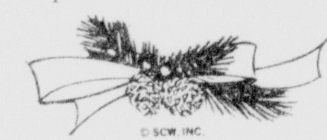
Now I've gotten this letter from a man in Washington asking "how much more honest do you think you and the rest of the voters are than most politicians?"

It's an unsettling question and if there ever was a time for confidentiality, executive privilege, secrecy of the ballot, sanctity of the grand jury, incompetent secretaries, and probably a re-writing of the Constitution, now's the time, but I'll wriggle out of it some way, if I can get hold of the right lawyer and drag the thing out long enough.

## Yule Legends Span Many Years and Many Lands

Did you know that the first Christmas tree erected in a church in U.S., in 1851 shocked its Cleveland congregation. It was considered too heathenish!

☆ America gave the world its most Beloved Christmas plant—the poinsettia. The plant is a native of tropical America.



☆ Bayberry candles, which are said to foretell good luck for the coming year if they burn bright at Christmas, were first made by early settlers in America. They dipped bayberry branches in wax and burned them during the holidays.

This Washington man went on to report that a public opinion poll recently asked the question: Did you vote in the 1972 Presidential election? and 73 per cent said yes, although actual voter turnout that year was just 55 per cent. A lot of people, he said, were lying.

It's something to think about, although I've noticed most politicians will deride a public opinion poll unless it's in their favor.

I really don't know how many people are honest, that is, honest all the time. I suspect most people are honest most of the time, if not too inconvenient or April 15, some are more honest now than they were before they got what they've got now, and some will be less honest later than now, depending on what the opportunities are and how much cash is

floating around or what they're elected to.

I guess the amount of honesty in the world is about like the stock market. It fluctuates up and down through stress and strain and nobody can tell you for sure which way it's going next week.

On the whole though I'd say that a wise politician today is one who gets the feeling that what the people want most of all right now is honesty in office. They may want also honesty everywhere else too, but you've got to remember that dishonesty out of office is a lot easier to get by with.

I don't know whether I've answered that Washington man's question or not, but at least I've tried to heap a lot of confusion around it.

Yours faithfully,  
J. A.

**GREAT JOY** fills the air at Christmas time. May your fondest dreams come true.

**STYLE CLEANERS**  
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THE HAMLIN HERALD, HAMLIN, TEXAS, 79520

☆ The story is told that over a hundred years ago, a parish priest in Salzburg, Austria, returning late one night from administering last rites to a dying woman, was awed by the particular majesty of the still, sparkled-with-stars night; he went home, wrote the lovely, haunting words of "Silent Night, Holy Night." With his organist, Franz Gruber, playing the great music on his guitar, the Father, Joseph Mohr, first introduced the strains of this popular hymn to a small congregation in Austria.

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## HOLIDAY SPECIALS

At the OASIS PACKAGE STORE

All kinds of your favorite party beverage  
Sale will last till after first of the year

Store hours 10 a.m. til 9 p.m.

4½ miles North of Hamlin, Highway 83, on the East Side of Road  
Tom Rutherford, owner  
576-3572

Question:  
**Is Lone Star doing everything it can to hold down costs?**

Answer:  
**Yes!**

We're operating more efficiently than ever before. But our costs are going up none the less... just like yours.

For instance, the interest rates on money we have to borrow for constructing new gas supply systems have increased dramatically. These rates have recently been at all time highs.

Within the last 18 months, we have invested nearly \$100 million:

- to build a large diameter, 400-mile pipeline from West Texas to the Dallas-Ft. Worth area,
- for other facilities along this pipeline,
- to attach major new reserves and
- to pay for well drilling by producers... all for the purpose of assuring continuing natural gas supplies to our customers.

These investments don't even include the cost of all the gas we must buy to fill the line in 1969, natural gas

cost us about 19 cents per thousand cubic feet.

Recently we paid more than 85 cents for major new supplies. And the price is still rising.

Costs like these are the price Lone Star must pay for your continuing natural gas supplies. It's important that you understand our need for adequate rates so we can continue to deliver clean gas energy to your home for winters to come.

We're doing everything possible to hold down controllable costs. But even with gradual rate increases, natural gas from Lone Star will still be your most economical and efficient non-polluting fuel.

Lone Star Gas



Clean Energy for Today and Tomorrow

## See Us Now For New Higher Savings Rates

	ANNUAL RATE	ANNUAL YIELD★
<b>PASSBOOK</b> EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1974	<b>5.25%</b>	<b>5.39%</b>
<b>90-DAY NOTICE CERTIFICATE</b> \$500.00 MINIMUM	<b>5.75%</b>	<b>5.92%</b>
<b>12-Mo. CERTIFICATE</b> \$1,000.00 MINIMUM	<b>6.25%</b>	<b>6.45%</b>
<b>12-Mo. CERTIFICATE</b> \$5,000.00 MINIMUM	<b>6.50%</b>	<b>6.72%</b>
<b>24-Mo. CERTIFICATE</b> \$1,000.00 MINIMUM	<b>6.50%</b>	<b>6.72%</b>
<b>30-Mo. CERTIFICATE</b> \$5,000.00 MINIMUM	<b>6.75%</b>	<b>6.98%</b>
<b>48-Mo. CERTIFICATE</b> \$5,000.00 MINIMUM	<b>7.50%</b>	<b>7.79%</b>

A substantial interest penalty is required for early withdrawal.

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## STAMFORD FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

BOX 511 - STAMFORD, TEXAS

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Your "FIRST" Federal Savings and Loan Association





MR. AND MRS. W. D. (BILL) ADAIR  
... to be honored December 30

## Anniversary Open House Here to Honor Adairs

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. (Bill) Adair will be honored from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 30, with an open house at their home, 129 North Central Avenue, in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call.

The couple's children and their spouses hosting the event are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wicker and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn L. Adair, all of Hamlin, and Mr. and Mrs. Don E. Adair of Eastland.

Other members of the house party will be Mrs. Cleon Warner, Misses Suzanne and Tina Wicker, and Miss Carla Adair, all of Hamlin, and Donnay, Janna and Tonia Adair, all of Eastland, granddaughters of the couple.

They have one grandson, Don Adair Jr., of Eastland and one great-grandson, Casey Dean Warner of Hamlin, who will both attend with their parents.

Other relatives will assist in the house party.

Mrs. Adair, the former Ruby Howington, was born Jan. 10, 1904, in Moody. She moved here from McClennan County with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Howington, in 1906.

Mr. Adair was born in Floyd Dec. 12, 1898. He moved to Hamlin in 1919 with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Adair, from Wichita Falls.

The couple met in June, 1921, in Hamlin and were married here Jan. 1, 1924.

In the earlier years of the twenties, Mr. Adair owned and operated an auto paint and upholstery shop in Hamlin.

He worked for Bryant Link Co. 10 years in the Farm Implement Department.

In 1953 he began work as an oil well contract pumper. He is presently working two leases.

Mrs. Adair, a retired sales lady formerly worked for Mr.

## Services Held Sunday for Mrs. Johnson

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23 for Mrs. Raymond (Marie) Johnson, 49, a longtime resident of Hamlin. The Rev. Leo Scott, pastor, will conduct the services at Oak Grove Baptist Church.

Mrs. Johnson died at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Hamlin Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Born Marie Calford Feb. 24, 1924, in Bryan, she married Raymond Johnson Nov. 8, 1941 here. She had lived here for 32 years, and was a member of Oak Grove Baptist.

Burial will be in Hamlin East Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband; five sons, Raymond Jr. of Dallas, Richard and Abner, both of Oakland, Calif., and Jerry and Willie, both of Hamlin; three daughters, Mrs. Ruby Frazier of Oakland, Calif., Mrs. Owyancee Willis and Barbara Johnson, both of Hamlin; two brothers, A. C. Calford of Bryan and Jewell Calford of San Francisco, Calif.; five sisters, Mrs. Monnie Thompson of College Station, Mrs. Susie Prewitt of Renton, Wash., and Mrs. Vera Mitchell, and Mrs. Haskell W. Carter in Carter's Variety Store and also assisted Mr. Carter in the Hamlin Independent School District tax department the past 12 years.

Mrs. Bertha Fry and Mrs. Nancy Bell, all of Oakland, Calif.; and 11 grandchildren.

## Meter Connections

From November 27:  
ON—Raymond Zendiyo, 137 N. W. Ave. C; Martin Jordan, 36 N. W. Ave. D; John Holland, 440 N. W. Ave. I; Joe Andrews, 641 West Lake Drive; Sue Terry, 221 N. W. Ave. B; Tony Collins, 436 N. W. Ave. B; Buford Griffin, 1018 S. E. Ave. B; Boyd Lumber Co. 721 S. W. 2nd; Charles Reed, 115 S. W. Ave. F.

## GRAND STAMFORD

Fri. 28-Sat. 29-Sun. 30  
"THE LAST OF SHEILA"  
Dyan Cannon  
Color

## DRIVE-IN THEATRE

OPEN NIGHTLY  
Fri. 28 — Sat. 29  
"SKIN GAME"  
James Garner  
Color

Sun. 30-Mon. 31-Tues. Jan. 1  
"ROMEO AND JULIET"  
Olivia Hussey  
Color

Wed. 2 — Thurs. 3  
X-ADULTS ONLY  
No One Under 18  
Proof Required  
"1869 LOVE  
ROOT ELIXIR"  
Nude Color

OFF—Ronnie L. Hallum, 18 S. W. Ave. C; Mrs. Bernie K. Smith, 153 N. W. Ave. B; D. H. Davis, 144 S. W. Ave. E; J. A. Jenkins, 27 N. W. 6th; Frank Willis, 600 N. W. Ave. H; Nelson Shave, 128 S. W. Ave. C; Mark Campella, 441 S. W. Ave. E; Betty Boaz, 959 S. E. Ave. B; Pat Jones, 45 N. Central.

TRANSFER—Cruz Orona, to 129 S. W. 4th from 428 S. W. Ave.

B; Andy Brown, to 18 S. W. Ave. C from 237 N. W. Ave. J; Encarnacion Oranday, to 29 S. W. Ave. E from 316 N. E. 6th; Ronnie Holden, to 44 S. E. Ave. B from 115 S. W. Ave. F.



REST "ASSURED" THAT WE'RE WISHING ONLY THE BEST FOR YOU AT CHRISTMAS TIME. MAY YOUR HOLIDAYS BE MERRY!

CUNNINGHAM  
INSURANCE AGENCY

## Carol Singing Still A Popular Christmas Custom

Caroling is the custom in many countries throughout the world. And, there are about as many different customs connected with it as there are countries.

Bagpipe music accompanies the carolers in (no, not Scotland) Italy!

In England the carolers receive gifts for their efforts. "Gifts" of refreshments are often the case in America.

"Star-singers" is the name for groups of carolers in many nations.



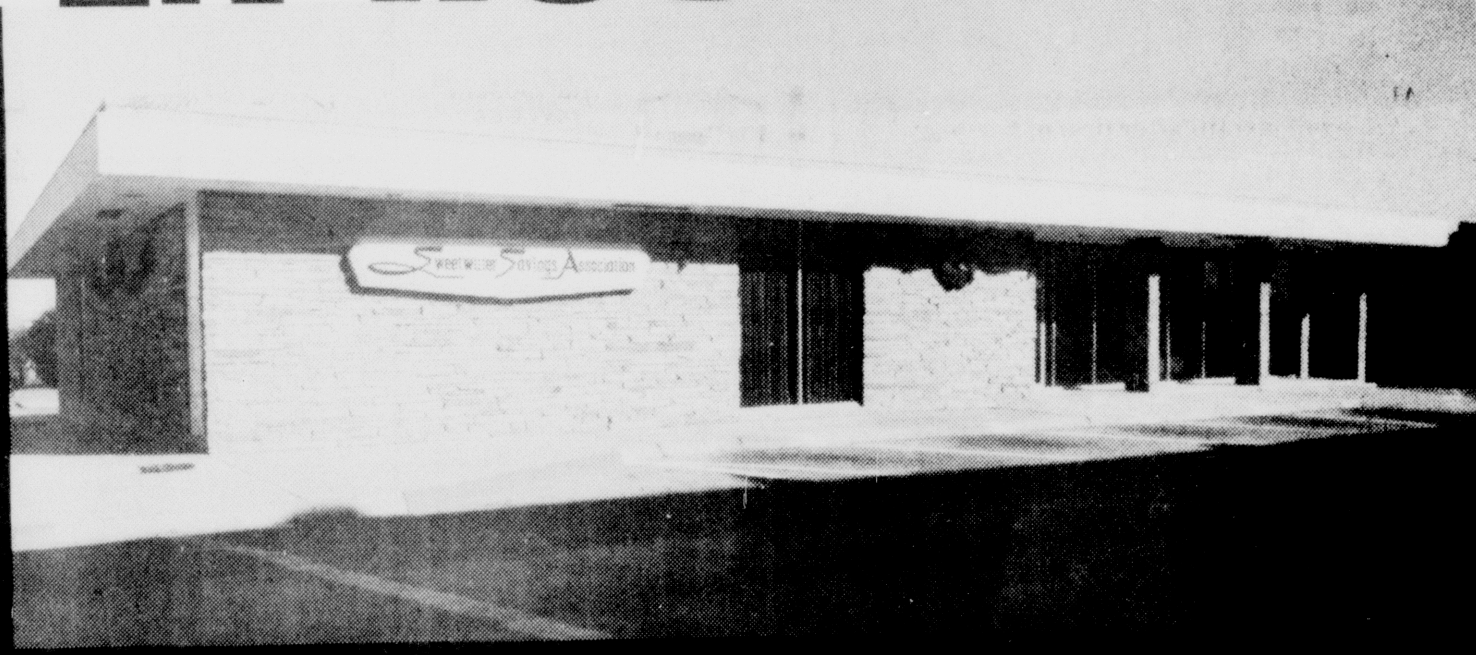
We bring to  
you the heartiest  
of greetings, "Merry Christmas"

GENE WALTON WELL SERVICE

# OPEN HOUSE!



ROTAN/206 W. Snyder



SWEETWATER/208 Elm Street

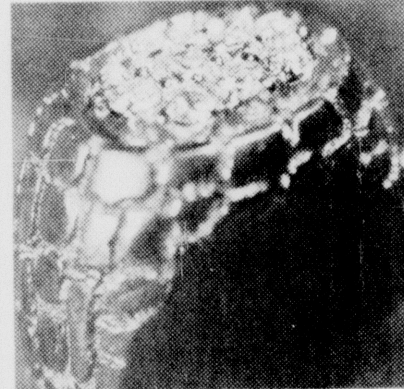
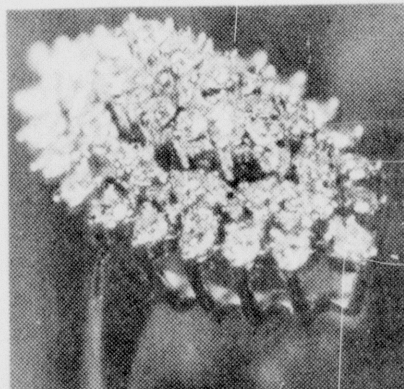
## CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF SWEETWATER SAVINGS' ROTAN BRANCH OFFICE! 18 FREE PRIZES!

Both offices are celebrating the formal opening of our new Rotan branch. Register for one daily prize each

business day at each Sweetwater Savings office, through Jan. 10—16 daily prizes and two glorious grand prizes!

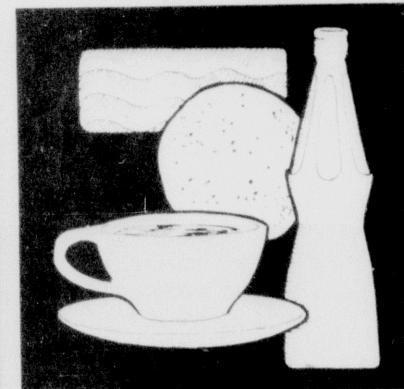
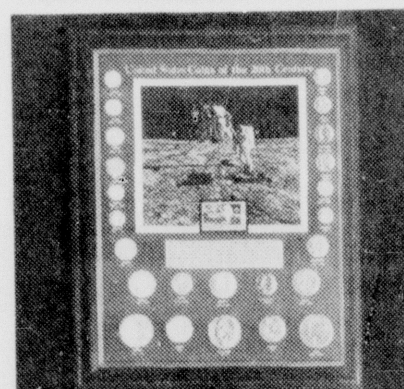
## 2 DIAMOND RINGS GRAND PRIZES

Each valued at approximately \$1,000 retail. Grand prize winner at each location! Ladies' choice a beautiful cocktail ring with 55 gleaming white diamonds (full carat total weight) in layered marquise design, 14K white gold. For men, a 14K solid gold ring with 10 brilliant round diamonds of fine quality (totaling a full carat) in a modern textured finish.



## 16 COIN COLLECTIONS DAILY PRIZES

Daily prize at each location, U.S. Coins of the 20th Century (many of them rare). A sample of each coin minted since 1900, mounted and attractively framed with a color illustration of man's first moon landing and a rare commemorative stamp. Current retail value \$69.95.



## YOU'RE INVITED

... to celebrate Sweetwater Savings' first branch office. Daily prizes awarded at both offices, from random drawings at the close of each day's registrations. Grand Prize winners drawn from all registrations December 31 through January 10—one winner at each location. Register at either office, no deposit necessary. You need not be present at the drawings to win. Open Monday through Friday. Hours: Sweetwater 9 to 4, Rotan 9 to 12 and 1 to 4.

## FREE REFRESHMENTS!

Visit our convenient new office in downtown Rotan or our familiar main office in Sweetwater. Enjoy a cup of coffee, a soft drink and cookies. Visit with our officers and employees; we'll welcome the opportunity to wish you a prosperous new year in person!

## conserve energy and save money too!

- For savings on operating costs... remember the lower you set the thermostat in the winter, the more money you save on energy cost.
- Let the sunshine help warm your home...open the drapes during the day. Close the drapes at night, this will help insulate your windows and keep cold air out.
- Heat your home, not the outdoors, be sure all doors and windows are closed. Close damper when not using your fireplace.
- Before you leave home, or go to bed, turn off all unneeded lights and small appliances.

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Company

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## CURRENT ANNUAL RATES

7 1/2% 4-YEAR CERT.  
\$5,000 MIN.  
6 3/4% 30-MONTH CERT.  
\$1,000 MIN.  
6 1/2% 1-YEAR CERT.  
\$1,000 MIN.

5 3/4% 90-DAY ACCT.  
\$1,000 MIN.  
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NO MINIMUM  
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ASK ABOUT HIGHER RATES ON CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT OF \$100,000 AND MORE.



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SAVINGS  
ASSOCIATION

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May this holiday season be joyful for each of our good friends! Thank you for your patronage throughout the past year.

**WHITE'S STORE**

Byron and Neoma Bell

Rodger and Jill Bell

## Dear Santa

Dear Santa,  
I am writing for my little sister and brother. They have been extra good this year. Tricia wants Baby A live, cowgirl boots, cowgirl clothes, a baby bed, and a bicycle. Robby wants some John Deere Tractors, trucks, toy gun, ball, and a tricycle. And don't forget me.

Love,  
Lisa Kiser

Dear Santa,  
I am a girl 4 years old. I am good some times.  
Please bring me a talking doll and some dishes and some candy.

Thank you.  
Love,  
Terri Kay White

Dear Santa,  
I would like a doll. I would like a typewriter, Disney Character, Transistor Radio, Donald Duck. Please bring these because my mother does not have any money because she has to pay the bill. Please bring me this. I will look for you.

Your friend  
Connie Lee  
I live at 427 N.E. Ave. M.

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please would you bring me some Play-doh for Christmas and a Malibu Barbie. Thankyou for the toys last year and all the other Christmases. Can you bring me a rope? And a little dolly and that's all the toys I want because I don't know any more. I like all the toys and I would like a cleaners truck that has little hangers in it with clothes and a toy house for dolls. We will leave you a cookie to eat and some milk.

Natalie Gillilan

Dear Santa,  
I want a Baby Tears, a Stove, Refrigerator, sink and some dishes and please bring Temple some little toys.

I love you,  
Tammy Michelle Scott

Dear Santa Clause,  
For Christmas I want a Softina Doll in travel trunk, old woman in a shoe, give-a-show projector, a bubble gum bank, and a doll buggy.

Love,  
Jodie

Dear Santa. C.  
I want a Barbie doll, and an oven.  
Thank you,  
Maggie Longoria

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a b-b gun and football set.  
We will leave the porch light on so you can find our ranch house.

Merry Christmas  
From,  
Edward Harris

Dear Santa,  
I want a truck and an airplane and a tool set and a stick shifter and a big wheels and we wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Thomas Deel

Dear Santa  
My name is Nora. I'm a very good girl all year.

Please bring me a Doll and a Sewing machine for Christmas.  
Bye Bye,  
Nora Lee Romero

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am Gloria Barrera. I am in First Grade. I want a doll that talks. And I also want it to walk and eat. I also want you to give my sisters and brothers a little gift. I have being a good girl these days. I have six years old. I would like a new pair of shoes. I would also like a dress.

Yours Truly,  
Gloria Barrera

Dear Santa,  
My Mother says I have been ok all year so I would like to have a new football and kicking tee, and a snoopy brush, and a projector and a little S.S. Littler putt putt for my brother Freddie and a bicycle for me.

Thank You,  
Jessie Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
I want for Xmas a football. And that's all I want.

Your friend,  
Edward Hernandez  
Thank you

Seasons  
I would like to have a cooks doll for Christmas

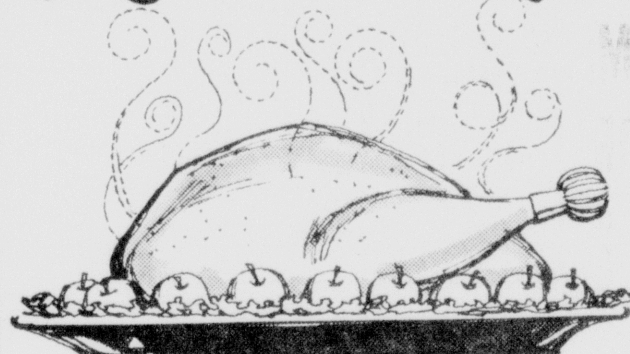


We wish that this Christmas Season will bring the spirit of His loving grace to your heart. May His light guide you every day.

**THRIF-TEE FOOD MARKET**

LUTHER AND MARTHA HAUGHT

## Holiday Greetings



We're "seasoning" our greetings with good wishes for a happy and hearty Yule! May our friends enjoy the best of everything!

**HAMLIN RESTAURANT**

Faye Cooper Kay Bruner  
138 South Central Customer Parking Next Door  
(Will be closed Dec. 25 and Dec. 26)

## Joy to the World



The Lord is come...may the wonders of His love become a reality for you this joyous Christmas Season.

Dr. and Mrs. James E. Harrison  
MARILYN, CAROLYN AND LYNDIA



We wish to thank you for your patronage during the past year and to express our warmest wishes for a very Merry Christmas and New Year.

**Mehaffey Trucking Co.**

Dear Santa,  
I have been good so please bring me a play stove and dishes and a doll and all so a music box and a see and say, beauty parlor and a miley mouse for Andy.

Thank You,  
Delores Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good boy? I would like a bike for Christmas?

Love,  
Guinn Fugate

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good boy. I want a Big Jim Camping set.

Rodney Crouch

Dear Santa,  
My Mom says we will get a new baby for Christmas, but I'd rather have a new bike.

Love  
Tracy Green  
P.S. Please bring my little brother a new truck.

*Greetings*



## Christmas Joy

Our sincerest wish this holiday season is that all our friends may know the joy of Christmas. Thank you for your patronage throughout the year.

**Kincaid Gas & Appliance**

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kincaid



## A Blessed Christmas...

"How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!" May that gift of love given to the world on the first Christmas bless your home ...may it abide with you in the coming year.

**PIGGLY WIGGLY**

SAVE IN HAMLIN  
SATURDAY—9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
2 blocks North of Traffic Light

## ABILENE SAVINGS' SEVEN SAVINGS PLANS

TYPE OF SAVINGS PLAN	ANNUAL RATE
4-YEAR CERTIFICATE \$5,000 MINIMUM	7 1/2%
30-MONTH CERTIFICATE \$1,000 MINIMUM	6 3/4%
1-YEAR CERTIFICATE \$5,000 MINIMUM	6 1/2%
1-YEAR CERTIFICATE \$1,000 MINIMUM	6 1/4%
90-DAY CERTIFICATE \$1,000 MINIMUM	5 3/4%
VIP 90-DAY PASSBOOK \$1,000 MINIMUM	5 1/2%
PASSBOOK NO MINIMUM	5 1/4%

BE SURE TO ASK ABOUT HIGHER RATES ON CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT OVER \$100,000 AND OVER

A substantial interest penalty is required for early withdrawal of certificate accounts.

The Big Country's largest savings and loan offers seven different ways to help your savings grow! Select the plan—or combination of plans—that best suits your goals. Start 1974 at Abilene Savings, where money makes money for you!

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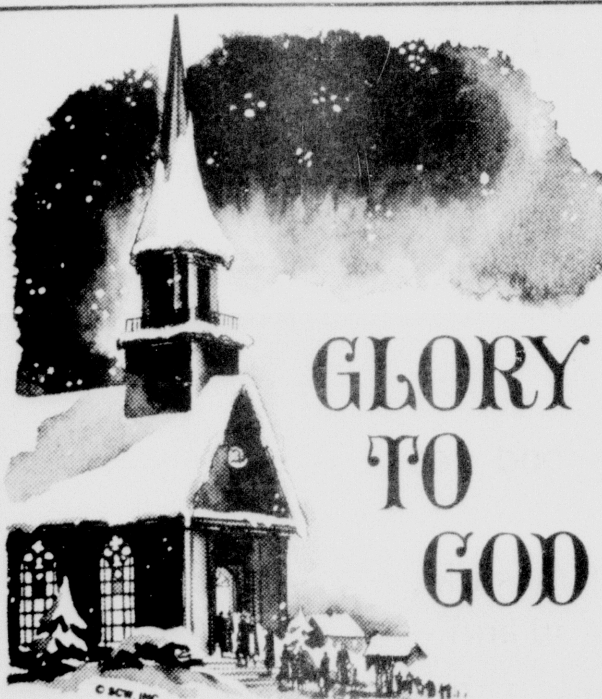
• 116 Commercial/Coleman



**ELMER MARTIN**

State Representative, District 61

My wife Billie joins me in wishing you a Merry Christmas. May your holidays be filled with gladness.



And peace on earth, good will toward men! May the Christmas message inspire us with love for all.

**ALBRITTON MOTOR CO.**



## Tradition Has It That Yule Tree Began in Egypt

The Christmas tree, now almost a universal symbol, probably came to America from Germany, although tradition has it that

Christmas trees originated in Egypt. The palm tree is supposed to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree, with 12 shoots on it, was used in Egypt.

German writers mention the tree as early as 1605.

## Christmas Cheer



Hope you're in the best of "spirits" this holiday season. Greetings from all of us at

**WATERHOLE NO. 3**

## Our Christmas Wishes



**Warm wishes  
full of good cheer  
that our many friends have  
a bright Christmas holiday.**

**JORDAN'S**

MR. AND MRS. ROY JORDAN

## NOËL



As we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, it is our fondest prayer that His peace will dwell within every heart at Christmas, and ever after.

**BRYANT INSURANCE AGENCY**

John and Arlene Bryant  
Bill Davis

Wanda West  
Betty Dillard

## may the P E A C E

of God, that passeth  
all understanding,  
keep your hearts and  
minds in the knowledge  
and love of God,  
this day  
and evermore.

## CHRISTMAS: MESSAGE OF HOPE FOR WORLD'S WOES

In a world torn with violence at almost every level, through formally or informally declared war, in rioting, anarchy, in cruel discrimination, it is difficult for thinking people to truly experience Christmas.

Yet, through the very meaning of Christ's coming, every man, of every persuasion . . . whether "Christian" or not, can take Christmas to his heart and profit by it.

For Christ personified brotherhood, abiding love, tolerance; if Christians have gotten away somewhat through the "outward and visible signs," the ceremonials and the trappings — perhaps this is the year to come home to Christ.

Whatever the rest of the world is doing, let each of us celebrate Christ's birth in our individual, personal ways.

Let us forget self, let us truly open our hearts, to genuinely offer friendship and brotherly love.



Let us "do" for others, not just through organized charities, or group efforts. Discover the thrill of assisting some less for-

tunate person, someone who may have much of this world's goods, but be impoverished otherwise.

This is the Christmas to relinquish those petty grievances, and perhaps the important ones, as well.

This is the Christmas to really show those you love that you do love them, in important, little ways . . . and in large ways, too. It is so human to take care of the vital, "large" ways, and overlook the small, also vital ways! This is the year to do something about that.

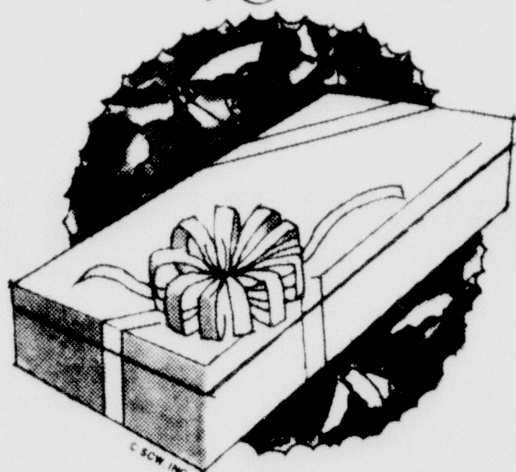
## Christmas Creche Has Tradition

We do not know when the first creche was set up as a tableau to illustrate the nativity, but church records indicate that St. Francis of Assisi received special permission from the Pope to reconstruct the scene in the Bethlehem stable.

Today the crib, surrounded by figurines of the Holy Family, the Three Wise Men, shepherds, angels and farm animals, is to southern Europe and Catholic countries what the brightly decorated Christmas tree is to America.

In the Southern Hemisphere Christmas is celebrated in mid-summer heat. They will have the traditional turkey dinner. Families often go to the seashore or the hills for a picnic.

## Holiday Greetings



May every gift under your tree be just what you've always wanted! We'd like to thank you for your patronage during the past year—we hope to have the pleasure of serving you again.

**Merle Norman  
Cosmetic Studio**

Merry Christmas

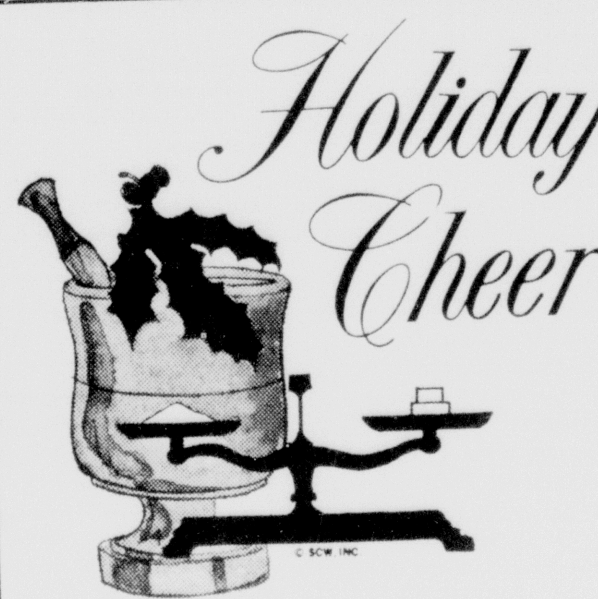
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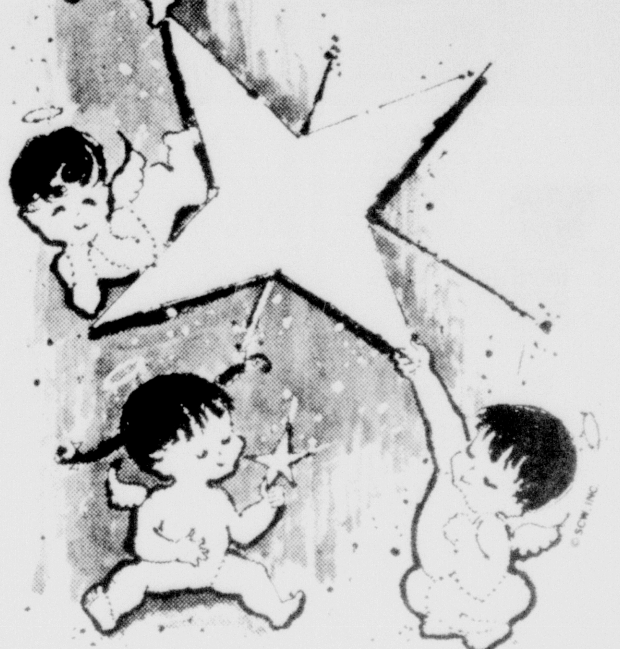


**May Christmas bring  
you many gifts of  
good luck and cheer—**

**WAGGONER DRUG STORE**

"The Fussy Pill Rollers"  
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## Holiday Cheer



Here's hoping your Christmas "sparkles" with lots of good things...health, happiness, and plenty of gifts from Santa! It's been a pleasure serving you in the past and we're looking forward to serving you again in the future. Sincere holiday greetings from the entire staff at

**JOE HUDSPETH'S**



## OLD-TIME Greetings

Thank you, our customers,

for helping us have a good year in 1973

We wish you great joy this Christmastide...may love and peace abide with you and yours all through the holiday season and in days to come.

**CECIL SELLERS**

AND EMPLOYEES OF

**SWEETWATER LIVESTOCK AUCTION**





We'd like to wish our friends happy holidays...and also happy motoring!

Kiser Texaco



Dear Santa,

I want a bow and arrow a train and train track and a four wheel John deere tractor. I think I have been a good boy. Love,

Tommy Watts  
P.S. Don't forget me.

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? I want a training-wheel bike. A baby tender love, a bride doll a stove, a stoller, a cabinet with the stove..

You friend,  
Cecelia Cowan

Dear Santa,

Please bring me two helicopters, two jeeps, one airplane, one car and a bike. I have been good.

Yours  
Bobby Joe Taylor

Dear Santa,

I hope you are fine. Please bring me for Christmas. Music box. Kenner projector. Hope to see you very soon.

Sarah Zendejo

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the toys you gave me last year. Please bring me a tonka fire truck and a Tonka crane for my brother Rod. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Wood Smith

Dear Santa,

I want a sew Magic. And a Kool-aid Dispenser. And a scone mashing, and I want a Handy Bill and Badld. And a Teen age Mannequin And I want Tom Thumb Model.

Love,  
Elaine Wade

Dear Santa,

I want a dall and dashes. I will be good to my mother and my father to. And I want a bike to. And my brother want a bike to. My brother will be good to.

Pamela Willis

Dear Santa,

I want a cookie doll and some dishes and a table.

Taylisa Cork

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been good, I know you have seen me, because you can see every body I won't a B.B. gun and a Car as soon as my Christmas tree is up I know you will bring my Gifts to me. You are a nice man Santa Claus.

Rolando Rivera Jr.

Dear Santa,

I want a sewing machine, mixer, and a snoopy tooth-brush. Also a high chair and bed for my baby.

I love you,  
Mollie Newberry

Dear Santa Claus,

Give me for Christmas a foot ball and I also want a B.B. gun.

Yours truly,  
Gabriel Ruiz

Dear Santa,

I am six years old and have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a Baby Alive and a Toss Across game. Please bring my sister Kimi a Baby Alive and a piano. My brother Xyle wants a big dump truck and a Michigan Crane. We will all try to be nicer next year. We will leave you some Milk and cookies. Thank you for our presents last year.

Love,  
Missy Hodges

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Trudi and I am six years old. I would like for you to bring me a Barbie head and makeup, and a doll that talks and a new dress and some new shoes and a new bicycle. I have tried to be a good girl.

Trudi Farnsworth

Dear Santa

I have been a good girl Please bring a baby doll with clothes and feeding set. A stove, game, Shirley Temple doll, Snow cone machine, view master, Etch-a-sketch, chalk board, cake mix and cook ware. Thank you. 114 nw ave h

Love,  
Michelle Bruner

Dear Santa,

I am in the first grade. I would like a Barbie Alive-doll, some records, a Barbie Friendship, and a talking Barbie for Christmas.

Charlaasa George

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a record player, and a Lone Ranger set.

Dave Bryerly

SEASON'S GREETINGS



MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

W. L. "POOCHEY" McDONALD FAMILY

OLD TIME  
GREETINGS



May this holiday season bring to you and yours the old fashioned spirit of Christmas. A warm hearth, warm friends and a season bright with warm holiday cheer. We would like to join in by wishing you the warmest of holiday greetings!

REYNOLDS DRUG

Verda - Cliff - Lois Ellen - Carolyn  
Marolyn and O. H. Weaver

MERRY CHRISTMAS



We wish to thank you for your patronage during the past year. Merry Christmas.

BLUE BONNETT CAFE

GRACIE MABERRY



MAY THE JOY AND PEACE  
OF CHRISTMAS BE WITH  
YOU TODAY AND ALWAYS

TURNER INSURANCE AGENCY

J. C. TURNER LA VERNE HUNTER JOYE CARY

Greetings



It's the season to decorate our hearths and homes with holiday cheer...and to wish our many friends a truly joyous Yuletide!

NEINDA COOP GIN

Bill Scott, Manager Route 1, Hamlin



Blessings to All

May all your hopes and dreams come true during this happy holiday season. You've helped make ours come true this year.

MR. AND MRS. J. C. TURNER

MARY MARGARET AND BOBBY REED

JAYNE AND MIKE FIELD



# Merry Christmas



We're delighted to have this opportunity to say hello to our patrons. Thanks for letting us serve you...may your Yule abound in happiness!

## PIPER CAR WASH

Jack and C. L. White  
Try our Cold Weather Stall

# Christmas Blessings To All ...



May your gift at Christmas be peace

CABLE ELECTRONICS INC.  
345 South Central

Ruby Moore, office manager



Here are wishes expressly for our many friends: the happiest of holidays and the best of everything! Thanks for your patronage.

VARIETY

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STORES

HAMLIN

# HAPPY HOLIDAY



You can count on us for good service and you can count on us to wish you the very best at Christmas! Greetings of the season from your friends at

O. H. WEAVER TEXACO

## Dear Santa

Dear Santa,

My name is Ricardo. I am 6 years old. How old are you, Santa?

Please bring me a rocking horse, a record player, and guitar. Do you still have Rudolph the red nosed reindeer? When I grow I want a mini-bike and a three speed bike. I'll leave some food on the table for you

Ricardo Hernandez

Dear Santa Clause

I want a bike and a doll for Christmas. I have been nice so I can get a yellow bike. My mother is nice and she want a toaster. My sister Diane is also nice and she a doll and a set of dishes. Tell Mrs. Santa Clause she is nice and tell her I said Hi

Your Friend

Vickie Cooper

Dear Santa,

I want a record player, a doll, a doll buggy, and a doll bed a Micky Mouse candy factory, a bicycle without training wheels, and a jewelry box.

Thank you,

Karen Skiles

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Jimmy and I am eight years old. I would like for you to bring me a pair of red shorts and shirt, a little car, a dump truck, and a guitar and a Bicycle. I have tried to be good boy I would also like a cowboy hat and boots.

Jimmy Farnsworth

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a bike, and I would like to have a beasley doll. I would like for you to bring My brother Johnny and My cousin Lulu some thing nice.

Love

Tracy Lott

Dear Santa Claus,

Would you please bring me a baby Lite doll. Toss across game and a Bubble gum bank. And would you please bring my little brother a Roadmaster set. Thank you.

Your Friend

Belinda Helms

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie Friendship and a Tressy Doll.

Thank You,

Donna Lyn Caffey

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a Bobby doll. I would like a baby bed. I would like a stove and ice box and sink, dishes, table and chairs. I would like a wagon and a play house, an a pretty dress and shoes and some doll clothes. And play mail box and letters. Please read my letter soon.

Teresa Ann Lee

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a Baby Crissy, a Bake Oven, a Barbie Camper, and Some New Clothes. I have a little brother Named Russell, and He would like a Big Jim Camper, a Tonka, a loader and a Putt Putt Construction yard. Please be careful on your trip.

Love,

Sheila Lincoln

Dear Santa Claus,

I will like a B.B. Gun for Christmas, I will enjoy it very much.

Love,

Willie Longoria

# GREETINGS



Here's hoping you have a holiday season filled with old-fashioned cheer. Best wishes from all of us at

## FRANK'S TV

Frank and Margaret Shearer  
Bill Foster

# Greetings



We're milking this wish for all its worth—may this holiday season be your merriest & the year ahead your happiest!

## BORDEN'S

Jack and Billie Harugthy



To you and your family, our sincere wishes for a home blessed by all the joys of the holiday season. Happy Yule!

## H. O. CASSLE AND SON

REAL ESTATE, LOANS AND RENTALS

## The First American Xmas Tree

Christmas traditions date back thousands of years ... to the Druids and ancient Rome and beyond, but the first Christmas tree in America was brought into being comparatively recently ... in 1847.

The place was Wooster, Ohio. A young German immigrant, August Ingard, a youth of 21, is said to have introduced the Christmas tree to America.

As Christmas drew near that year, it proved to young Ingard a season of somewhat dismal anticipation. He missed the fund of entertainment and observance which marked the Day in his homeland. So he decided to have one like those in Bavaria.

Two other reasons, very personal ones, were his nephew and niece. He wanted to bring added joy to their Christmas, and make it one they would never forget.

Young Ingard went into the woods and chopped down a spruce tree. From the village tinsmith he obtained a twinkly tin star. The family made paper decorations, and thus the Christmas tree, as most of us know it, came into being.



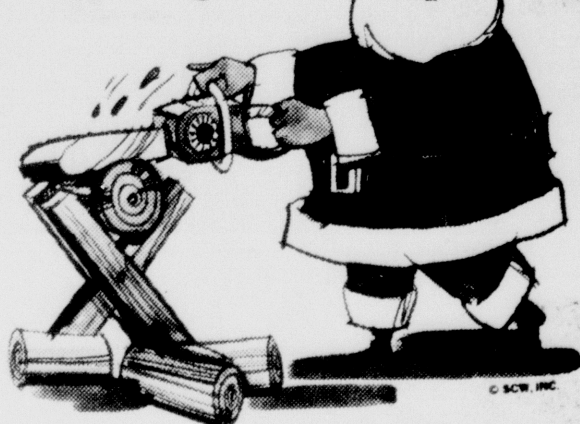
The townsfolk gathered round to admire it. Before long, the word had been spread far and wide, about the beautiful tree in Wooster, Ohio. It became an American custom.

America honors August Ingard. His tomb stands on Madison Hill in Wooster. This year, as in previous years, a lighted Christmas tree will probably stand at its door, a tribute to the man who first brought to America the symbol of joy and peace and love that should be Christmas for us all, all over the world.

Thou shalt know Him when He comes,  
Not by any din of drums,  
Nor by vantage of His airs,  
Nor by anything He wears,  
Neither by His crown  
Nor His gown.  
But His presence known shall be  
By the holy harmony  
Which His coming makes in thee.

Author Unknown

# Merry Christmas



Here's hoping Santa comes in "handy" on Christmas day, with wonderful gifts for all! Sincere holiday greetings from

## ARROW SERVICE AND SUPPLY

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Driver

# O Holy Night



As we rejoice in the message of Christmas, our prayer is that your life may be blessed with love.

## Cloud's Carpet Store

Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Cloud



May every joy and blessing of this season be yours. We're happy to have the opportunity to thank you for your patronage.

## JOHNSON'S BUTANE AND REPAIR



'Tis the season to be jolly! Here's hoping your holidays are filled with only the very best!

## HAMLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Edwin Wheat  
Sgt. Doyce W. Gillilan  
Ptl. Ronnie Hill  
Ptl. Richard M. Mullins  
Ptl. Jerry Farnsworth

Valeta Mullins  
Ruby Robertson  
Melvin Kenner  
Lamoine Owens  
City Judge A. B. Carlton

# Greetings



We're never too busy to greet our friends, especially at Christmastime! May the season be joyous for you and your loved ones.

## JOHN'S BOOT & SADDLE SHOP

338 South Central

Hamlin, Texas



The signs of the season are everywhere...that means it's time to wish you all a merry Christmas!

## THE KNABELS



# Happy Holiday



## A Favorite Tale Tschaikovsky Set to Music: "The Nutcracker"

One Christmas Eve, many years ago, a little girl named Marie received as a gift a wonderful wooden nutcracker. No ordinary kitchen tool, this — but a brave hussar with high black shako and bright red coat, who cracked nuts between his teeth every time he clicked his heels. No

wonder Marie stood softly downstairs to see him again! But what was her astonishment, reaching the tree, to find a fierce battle raging between the plump parlor mice and the come-alive toy soldiers. To protect her from harm, the valiant nutcracker transformed himself into a



boy prince, and bore her away to the land of the Sugar Plum Fairy. There, all her favorite candies joined in dances representing the countries from which they originated.

Light as spun sugar themselves, the children traveled on through the frosty night to the land of the Snow King and his Queen. Before scintillating thrones of ice, they whirled with the dazzling snowflakes, until a drift of perfumed blossoms melted the ice-bound court, and wreathed the drowsy children with the magic of spring. Deep in a mist of dreams, Marie and the little Prince lost one another. When at last Marie awoke in her little white bed at home, the amazing nutcracker lay stiffly on the counterpane. But the Prince, long a changeling by enchantment, had escaped forever into the Land of Dreams Come True.

Ever since that night, the nutcracker has refused to



## 'Christmas Only for Children'? Let's Change That

Grown-up cynics are frequently heard to say, "Christmas is only for children". This is a declaration of having abandoned any of the precepts of Christmas as far as they, themselves, are concerned. And perhaps in an attempt to set things right again, these same grown-ups "go all out" for the children in their family circles, and their acquaintance.

It's fine to "go all out" for children, at any time, as long as it is in proportion to the event, and if the children's well-being is taken into account. But sacrificial or extravagant giving can be harmful to the children, give them a false sense of values, and of course cause the giver hardship, for no good purpose.

Let us take an adult look at Christmas. Let us think of the strong, virile Christ when we think of Christmas, not merely the helpless Babe. Let us think of this mature man-God, with his adult convictions, his adult compassion, his adult physical strength, and honor these qualities.

Let us put this true evaluation of Christ into Christmas. As adults, it is we who must do this. And in doing this, we take not a whit away from the children's pleasure. But we add significance, immeasurably, to our own.

talk about the strange adventure. But at times there is a twinkle in his eye which amounts almost to a wink. Marie knows that he, too, will never forget! At great formal parties when her father and mother entertain the peers of the Realm, the nutcracker is an object of special delight to all — and only Marie truly knows why.



☆ A churchman, John Pierpont, composed the gay Christmas song, "Jingle Bells," which has been popular for over a century.

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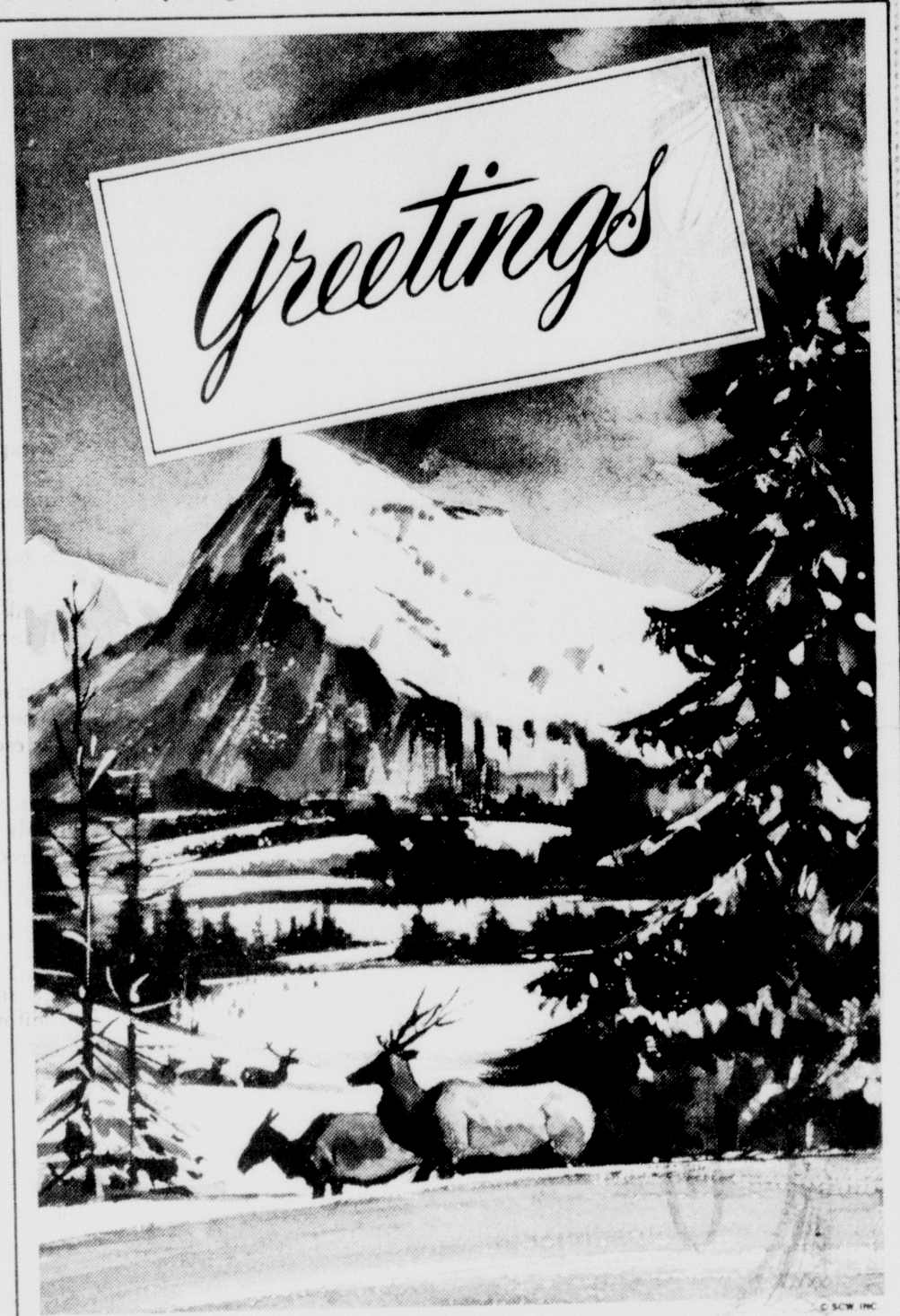
Dear Santa Claus

I want some candy from you this year, last year it was very good. And to play with I want a choo choo train, last year I got a

tractor, it was very nice too.  
Ricky Vasquez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Snoopy tooth brush, I

want a Lone Ranger set, and a Tonto Indian. I want a mickey mouse watch. I want a real horse.  
Herman Martinez



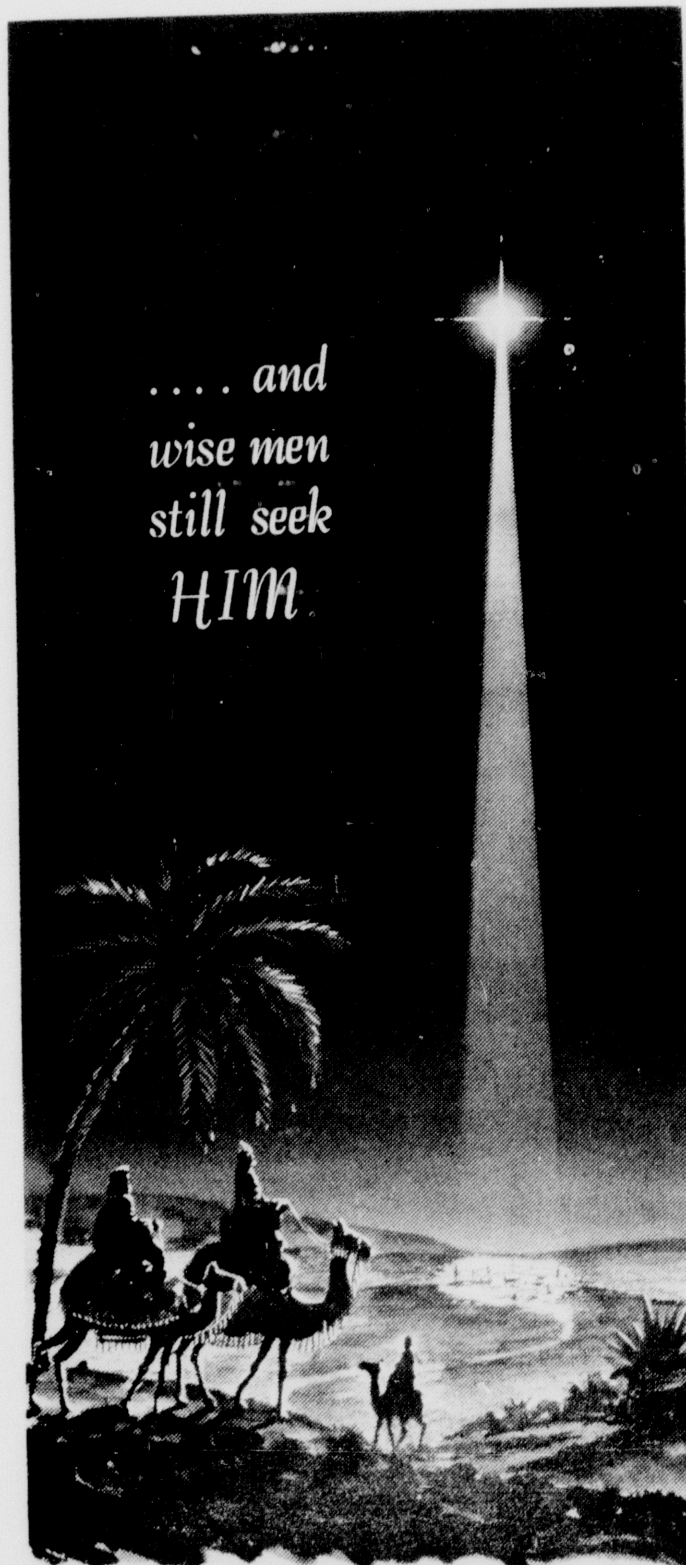
WHAT BETTER TIME TO WISH ALL OUR GOOD FRIENDS AND PATRONS THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS AND THE BEST OF EVERYTHING! A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**HOWARD DRUG CO.**  
AND EMPLOYEES



Here's an old-fashioned wish that is still right for today: may the holiday season extend to you and your family every joy and blessing that is possible. We wish to thank you all for your patronage throughout the year...we look forward to serving you again in the future with pleasure. Have a very merry Christmas and a wonderful year to come!

**ROCKWELL BROS. & CO.**  
LUMBERMEN  
HAMLIN, TEXAS



**Midwest Electric Cooperative**



We're drumming up lots of good wishes for our wonderful friends this holiday season. We'd like to thank you for your loyal patronage through the year. Greetings from

**HAMLIN FARMERS CO-OP GIN**  
Jerry Jeffrey, Manager



# Merry Christmas

We're hoping that your holidays are beautiful in every way! Thank you for your past patronage...we hope to serve you again.

## THE DOLL HOUSE

Linda Ferguson

Jane Braley

Juanita Hilliard

true Christmas spirit!  
how the neighbors helped

*the lady  
who lived  
by a  
pepper tree*

Frequently we hear people say how callous we all are, especially in America... how we are all "too wrapped up in ourselves, too busy with our own problems, to relate to Christmas".

Much of the time we deserve this comment. Probably because we think we have to build defenses against other, outside stimuli, to try to keep intact some remnant of our own personality which so far has escaped computerization.

But one November, not too long ago, the daily papers had occasion to record a little event that disputed this cliché, (if you will). Here is how the story went:

A lady of some 75 years or so who lives in a small town in Southern California suffered the loss of her home by fire. We shall call her Mrs. Sanchez.

All alone in the world, the disaster might have overwhelmed some lesser person.

But not Mrs. Sanchez.



She gathered her few belongings and camped out under a pepper tree on her remote hilltop. She had managed to salvage a beach umbrella, a picnic table and a sleeping bag, largely because they happened to be out on the grounds when the fire erupted. And her pe dogs.

One morning as she was dusting herself off, a phone company truck arrived and the man informed her that the company would like to install a wall phone wherever it would be convenient for her.

"A wall phone! Where else, but on my pepper tree! And so it was installed.

Even such a big concern as the phone company had been quick to respond to a patron's need, no doubt reported by one of Mrs. Sanchez' neighbors.

People were involved in the plight of this long-time resident in distress, and especially because of her indomitable spirit, her never-say-die attitude.

Weeks went by and Mrs.



*We hope Santa's right on schedule, bringing you lots of good things this Yule!*

## CONNALLY FORD SALES

47 E. LAKE DRIVE

## in Barcelona gifts arrive on January 6

About the time when most westerners think about taking the tree down and "putting Christmas away for another year", across the ocean, in Spain, the season is reaching its height.

On January 6, Twelfth Night or King's Day, as it is called in Spain, gifts are given.

King's Day celebrates the first Christmas when the Wise Men or Three Kings brought gifts to the Child in Bethlehem.

The Kings are so important there that they take the place of Father Christmas.



Between 5 and 6 on the afternoon of January 5 the Kings appear. In seacoast cities such as Barcelona they appear in the harbor on a beautiful ship, are rowed to shore and then paraded through the town in full regalia with their retinue.

Up until midnight the streets throng with people buying gifts and the special treats offered for this occasion.

The true spirit and joy of the season flower in this Latin land. The outward and visible signs are everywhere in Barcelona... gifts in gorgeous wrappings, and a dramatic mode of delivering gifts: some of the larger stores send men dressed as the Three Kings to go around after nightfall leaving packages on the windows and sometimes entering houses through the windows to distribute the gifts and sweets.



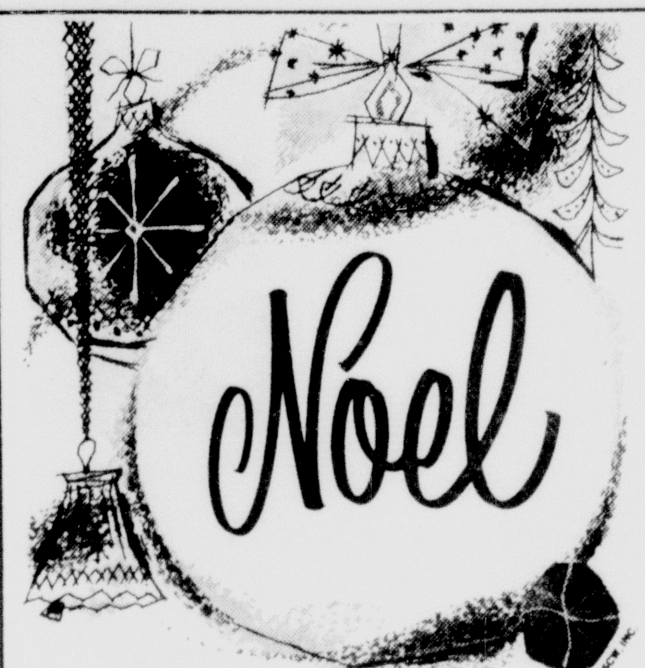
On Kings' Day the streets are decorated magnificently, there are receptions at the civic buildings, which are illuminated with spotlights — even the army is resplendent in full dress in honor of this happiest of all birthdays.



## GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

**Here's an old-fashioned wish  
that's still right in style...may  
your holidays be the merriest!**

**CARLTON IMPLEMENT COMPANY**



This greeting comes to wish you all the blessings of this holy season. A very merry Christmas!

## Embrey's TV and Appliance Service Embrey's Snack Bar

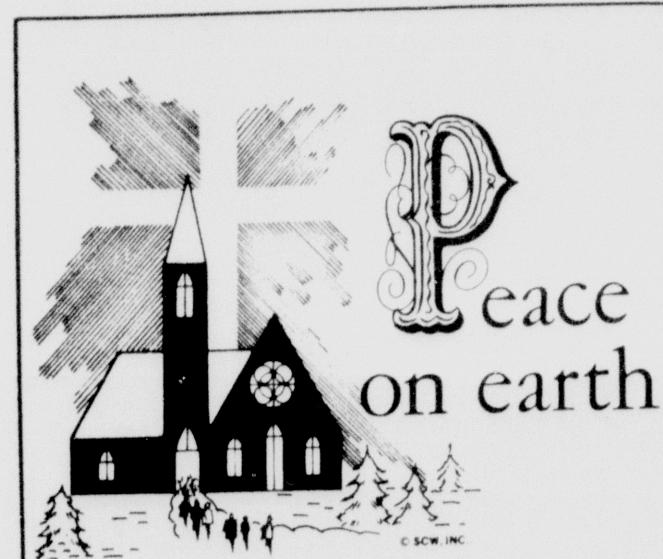
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## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

To you, our friends and patrons, sincere best wishes for a truly joyous season.

**PIED PIPER MILLS, INC.**



We extend our warmest wishes for the Christmas Season and the coming year. May He fill your heart with joy.

**L. C. Bonds Family**



**May the spirit of this joyous  
season fill your home with the  
blessings of love.**

**HAMLIN AUTO PARTS**

129 South Central

576-3673



May the memories of times gone past  
brighten your spirit and fill your Christmas  
with joy.

**PIED PIPER GROCERY**

Ester and Dorothy Hastings  
John and Mildred Howard  
and families



Let the blessings of peace be with  
all men of Earth in a true brotherhood  
of all nations.

**McCOY FUNERAL HOME**



The halls are decked with  
holly and the tree is trimmed.  
time to say we hope your holidays are  
merry and filled with many good things!

**Mr. and Mrs. James E. Rodgers**  
RICKY AND GERALD



May the Christmas Season be a  
memorable and joyous time filled with  
blessings and love for all.

**TEXACO, INC.**

Paul Cooper, Consignee





# LETTERS TO... SANTA



Dear Santa,  
I want a football, Mystery Date game, a record player, Long Hanger and Silver, Ernie puppet, and a football game, spurs and guns, and an Evel Knievel.  
Is Rudolph still living with you? I will leave you some cookies and milk on Christmas. Would you please bring Russ some toys, too?  
I like you for bringing toys to me. Do you like the North Pole? How are you doing?  
What are your deer's names? Monty and Russ

Dear Santa Claus,  
I will, like a truck for Christmas. I will enjoyed it very much.  
Love,  
Elijio Longoria  
Dear Santa,  
All I want you to bring me for Christmas is a rope to jump with.  
Patricia Martinez  
Dear Santa Clause,  
I want an Evil Knievel, cycle and van. I would also like to have a smash-up Derby, a Big

Jim Fishing Trip Set, a G.I. Joe Snowman Set and a lost mummy set. My Sister Kelli wants a doll.  
Gary Cooper  
Dear Santa,  
I am six years old and I have tried to be a good girl. Please bring me a Baby Crissy, a Barbie Camper and a new bike. Please try to bring the other boys and girls some toys, too. Thank you.  
Love,  
Shanna Reynolds  
Dear Santa,  
I love you. I have been a good girl. I want a Hi Dody doll and a Baby Buggy. Bring me any thing else you want to bring me.  
Love  
Kathy  
I love you  
Dear Santa,  
I want a fire engine and a truck. And please bring me a Doctor kit.  
Love,  
Rickie Jones  
Dear Mr. Santa Clause  
Hi? How are you. I am fine (Thanks To God)  
Well I am writting these few lines to say hello! I am writting this list so you won't forget. I am six years old and my name is Cynthia Quintanilla. And here is my list?  
1. long dress  
2. red gogo boots  
3. dress up  
4. Play House  
5. One pink bike  
6. Snow Cone m.  
Merry Christmas Santa Clausa  
Cynthia Quintanilla

I want a Chugging Choo Choo and Big wheel and I want a stove and raggedy Ann and Andy dolls and Records and we want some cowboy Boos. And candyland game. And I want some pots and pans and some candy. And I want a kapout van. and sweet cookine,  
Love  
Jonelle and LeaAnn.  
Dear Santa,  
I want a Baby Alive doll, I also want a ten speed, a small one. Please.  
Your friend,  
Lesa Gale Wilson  
Dear Santa,  
I want a big wheel for Christmas. And a Snoopy Toothbrush. I want a stuffed poodle and a Teddy Bear. I have been a good boy.  
Yours truly,  
Johnny Glenn Woods  
Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I have been a good girl I would like a hoppity-hop and a surprise. Thank you.  
Love,  
D'Ann Wheat  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll that eats and

drinks. I also want a tiny tears doll and a Mickey mouse toothbrush. A barbie friendship and a bicycle.  
I will leave you cake and milk on the table. See you Christmas. Bye.  
Love,  
Deborah Martinez  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a toy barn and some toy animals.  
Love,  
Leon Walker  
Dear Santa Clause.  
I love you. And I want you to have a good trip this Christmas. I would like for you to bring me a Robot and a Monster set and please con I have some Indians and cowboys and some Big wheel and I want you too bring my baby sister a play doll also some dishes. and some littee cars. I also want a dump truck and a army set so I can play army thank you Santa. I hue beena a good boy so i Hobe you get this for me.  
Jerry Ash  
Dear Santa,  
I want a little car and a little gun.  
Lanito Ledesma  
Dear Santa Claus  
Please bring Joy and Cheer to each boy and girl this coming year. I mind my moma and clean my room and try to be a good boy.. A B-B gun, a toy train or a new pair of shoes, whatever you see fit will surely do.  
Billy Joe Fudge  
Dear Santa,  
I wanted to let you know what I wanted for Christmas, I want a swing set, doll and doll clothes, dishes, and I also want my front teeth for Christmas. I also want Grandma, Franklin and Ricky to get what they want.  
Thank you.  
Cammie Holden  
P.S.  
God Bless you. I love You.

Dear Santa,  
I have been good some of the time and bad some of the time, but most of the time I have been just mostly medium. I want some walkie talkies, and a tent and a Texaco truck.  
I love you,  
Jeffry Shannon Lawlis  
P.S. I want a Honda mini bike and a football and tee and Dallas Cowboy suit.  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a 3-speed bicycle and don't forget my sisters. I love you very much.  
Joe Dan Scifres

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me an airplane, a football, and a mod Ken.  
Thank you,  
Britt  
Dear Santa,  
I want a doll who crys and goes to sleep. I want a blue dress, I want some play dishes.  
Margaret  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a snow cone machine, a Mrs. Beasley doll, a Barbie camper, a cook stove, a high chair, and a play swing set. I have been good.  
Patricia Kay Stinnett

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Donald Collin. I am 6 years old and in the first grade. I have tried to be good this year. Would you please bring me 2 gun holsters and 2 guns. and a play tractor, a trailer loaded with cars, and a crain and truck.  
I love you very much.  
Love,  
Donald Collins  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a B-B gun, a white football, a rope, and a pair of Spurs.  
Thank you,  
John Carter



## Greetings TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

We're happy that the season affords us a chance to say hello to all our friends...and to wish them a very merry Christmas!

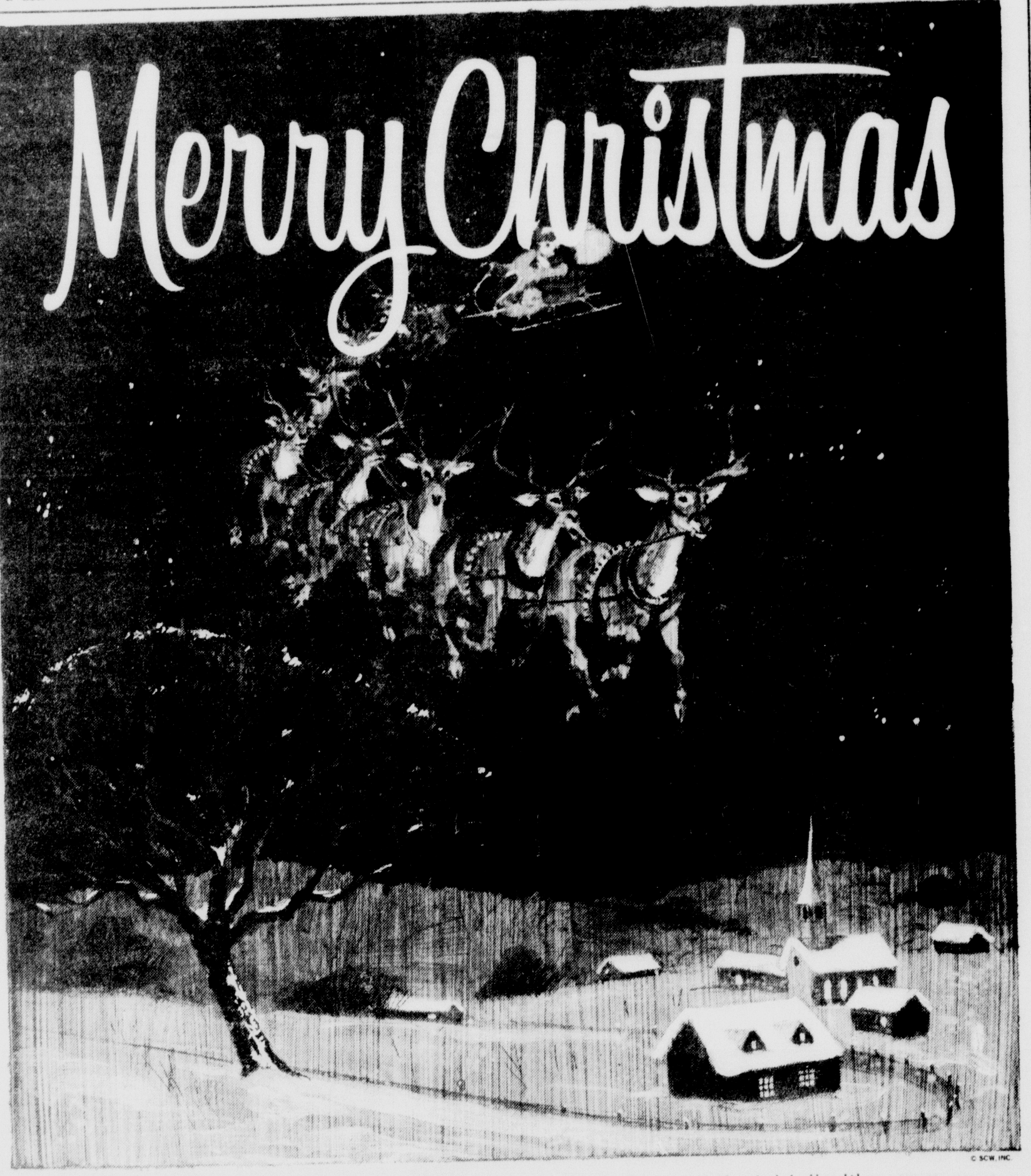
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